

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A connection structure for connecting a flat cable to a connector, comprising:
 - a connector housing protruding from a base plate, comprising:
 - a first surface substantially parallel to the base plate; and
 - a pair of side surfaces on both sides of the first surface;
 - a plurality of terminals housed in the connector housing each having a press-fit contact exposed from the first surface;
 - a flat cable having a plurality of conductors each in contact with the respective press-fit contact; and
 - a cover covering the first surface and the side surfaces of the connector housing; wherein the flat cable is curved along the first surface and the side surfaces by the cover so as to be in contact with the press-fit contacts.
2. (Previously Presented) The connection structure of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a pair of slits between the cover and the base plate that allows a direction of the flat cable therefrom to be regulated.
3. (Previously Presented) A connection structure for connecting a flat cable to a connector, comprising:

a connector housing protruding from a base plate comprising:

- a first surface substantially parallel to the base plate; and
- a pair of side surfaces on both sides of the first surface;
- a plurality of terminals housed in the connector housing each having a press-fit contact exposed from the first surface;
- a flat cable having a plurality of conductors each in contact with the respective press-fit contact;
- a cover covering the first surface and the side surfaces of the connector housing;

and

- a pair of slits between the cover and the base plate that allows a direction of the flat cable therefrom to be regulated;
- wherein the flat cable is curved along the first surface and the side surfaces by the cover so as to be in contact with the press-fit contacts;
- wherein the base plate further comprises a pair of grooves each communicating with the respective slit and having a width which broadens toward each end of the base plate; and
- wherein the grooves house the flat cable.

4. (Previously Presented) The connection structure of claim 1, wherein;
the cover is integrally connected with the connector housing by a hinge.

5. (Previously Presented) A connection structure for connecting a flat cable
to a connector, comprising:

a connector housing protruding from a base plate comprising:
a first surface in a plane different from the base plate; and
a pair of side surfaces each adjacent to the first surface;
a plurality of terminals in the connector housing having retaining contacts on the first surface;
a flat cable having a plurality of conductors in contact with the retaining contacts;
and
a cover covering the first surface and the side surfaces of the connector housing, the cover holding the flat cable adjacent to the first surface and side surfaces.

6. (Previously Presented) The connection structure of claim 5, further comprising a pair of slits between the cover and the base plate configured to allow orientation of the flat cable.

7. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A connection structure of claim 6, for connecting a flat cable to a connector, comprising:

a connector housing protruding from a base plate comprising:
a first surface in a plane different from the base plate; and
a pair of side surfaces each adjacent to the first surface;
a plurality of terminals in the connector housing having retaining contacts on the first surface;
a flat cable having a plurality of conductors in contact with the retaining contacts;

a cover covering the first surface and the side surfaces of the connector housing,
the cover holding the flat cable adjacent to the first surface and side surfaces; and
a pair of slits between the cover and the base plate configured to allow
orientation of the flat cable,

wherein the base plate further comprises a pair of grooves that widen in width as the groove extends from the pair of slits, the grooves housing the flat cable.

8. (Currently Amended) The connection structure of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 5, wherein the cover is integrally connected to the connector housing.